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On 7/8, PolCouns discussed with the MFA's Director of International Organizations, Julio Peralta, support for the U.S. candidacy to the World Heritage Committee. Peralta noted that Paraguay needed to develop a payment plan to cancel approximately USD 300,000 in arrears to UNESCO before it could reclaim its voting privileges. He anticipated Paraguay would reclaim this privilege in time to vote. He appreciated the expertise the U.S. brought to this committee. Paraguay had been approached by other States but had not yet made any decision regarding its vote. He promised to give the U.S. Paraguay's fullest consideration.

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